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A

Progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, 1/

1. Encourages Governments and United Nations organizations to continue their efforts to improve the methodology of their reports on the progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries; 2/

2. Requests the Bureau of the High-level Committee to adjust, on the advice of the Administrator, the dates for submission of accurate and timely information by Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations for the preparation of the above-mentioned progress reports;

3. Invites developing countries and United Nations organizations to examine, for possible inclusion in their activities of technical cooperation among developing countries, the recommendations of the South Commission referred to in paragraph 9 of document TCDC/8/3;

1/ Documents TCDC/8/2, TCDC/8/2/Add.1 and TCDC/8/3.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

4. Takes note with appreciation of the guidelines and recommendations approved by the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the review of policies and procedures in the United Nations organizations, in particular those dealing with the refinement and improvement of policies and procedures within the United Nations system;

5. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system to apply, on an experimental basis, the guidelines and implement the recommendations in close coordination with developing countries involved in their respective activities;

6. Calls upon the Administrative Committee on Coordination to monitor closely the implementation of the guidelines, in particular, through the periodic meetings of focal points of the United Nations organizations;

7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its ninth session on the implementation of the present decision.

B

Overall framework for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries in the 1990s

The High-level Committee,

I

Reaffirming the importance of the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, 2/

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 of 30 July 1992, which invited all parties to give first consideration to the use of technical cooperation among developing countries in programme and project implementation,

Recalling decision 7/6 of the High-level Committee, in which the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme was requested to prepare and report on an overall framework for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries in the 1990s, and decision 7/9 entitled "International Consultative Meeting on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries",

Taking note of document TCDC/8/4, entitled "Report on development of a strategy of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system" and of document TCDC/8/3, section I, entitled "International Consultative Meeting on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in Morocco in 1993",

Taking note with appreciation of the contributions of organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and experts to the preparation of document TCDC/8/4,

Aware that the policies of technical cooperation among developing countries that Governments or intergovernmental organizations may adopt will be developed within the context of their needs, capacities and development policies,

1. Welcomes the holding of the International Consultative Meeting on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at Rabat, on 10 and 11 February 1993, hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and takes note with appreciation of the recommendations of the experts as a valuable contribution to the formulation of the strategy;

2. Welcomes the strategy for the 1990s formulated in document TCDC/8/4 entitled "Report on development of a strategy of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system";

3. Calls upon all parties to implement on a priority basis the elements of the strategy, as reflected in the above-mentioned document, taking fully into account the comments and additional proposals made by delegations regarding the report during the eighth session of the High-level Committee;

4. Expresses reservations about the reference to the possibility of establishing an interregional fund to finance foreign exchange components of technical cooperation among developing countries; and requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consult Governments on this matter and to include the outcome of these consultations in his next biennial report;

5. Requests developing countries and organizations of the United Nations system expeditiously to take measures to strengthen their focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries by according them the appropriate status and providing adequate staff and resources;

6. Encourages all parties to consider regional and subregional mechanisms including regional programmes as suitable means to support individual countries in the implementation of the strategy;

7. Recognizes the importance of and potential for technical cooperation among developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

8. Invites interested developed countries to support the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries through their bilateral cooperation activities with interested developing countries;

9. Invites donor countries to support activities of technical cooperation among developing countries through trilateral arrangements;

10. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his biennial report to the High-level Committee at its ninth session information on the progress made in the implementation of the present decision;

II

Noting that increased cooperation is taking place among developing countries and their institutions through the sharing of expertise, experience and facilities,

1. Recognizes that developing countries have a primary responsibility for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, and that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and should play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action; 2/

2. Expresses deep concern about the financial constraints affecting the United Nations Development Programme, including the decrease in the Special Programme Resources allocation for technical cooperation among developing countries;

3. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider maintaining the current staffing level in order to ensure that the increasing work of the Special Unit is not adversely affected;

4. Also invites the Governing Council to consider maintaining the approved Special Programme Resources allocation for technical cooperation among developing countries for the 1992-1996 cycle so as to ensure the implementation of the Special Unit's activities;

5. Urges the organizations of the United Nations development system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to increase their efforts to support activities of technical cooperation among developing countries and improve the existing financing mechanisms, including regional, interregional and global resources;

6. Calls upon developed countries to take into account the current financial constraints affecting activities of technical cooperation among developing countries, as well as the cost and technical benefits of technical cooperation among developing countries, and therefore to consider increasing their support;

7. Also calls upon developing countries to consider increasing their support to activities of technical cooperation among developing countries.